

**REMARKS**

Prior to entry of this amendment, claims 1, 3-6, and 9-13 were pending in this application. By way of this reply, claims 1, 3-6, and 9-11 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, and allowable claims 12 and 13 have been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of their base claims and any intervening claims. Thus, claims 12 and 13 are in condition for allowance. No new matter has been added.

Applicant believes that the reply is fully responsive to all outstanding issues and thus places this application in condition for allowance. If a telephone conversation would be helpful to the prosecution of this case, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned or his associates at the telephone number listed below. Please direct all correspondence to **Myers Dawes Andras & Sherman LLP**, 19900 MacArthur Blvd., 11<sup>th</sup> Floor, Irvine, California 92612.

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